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Application of: Toshifumi TOGASHI

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For : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE FORMING  
AND EFFECTIVELY PERFORMING SHEET FEEDING1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, N.Y. 10036Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated December 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11-15, 18-20, 26, 29, 30 32, 37, 38, 40-44, 47-49, 51, 54, 55, and 57-63 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sheet feeder for separating sheets stacked on a pivotable sheet material stacking member and feeding said sheets, one by one, from the topmost sheet, said sheet feeder comprising:

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Date

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